

What is claimed is:

1. (Amended) A compensating blister die cutter apparatus including [in combination]  
a base member,

at least first and second blister die cutter units supported by said base member,

5 each said blister die cutter unit comprising a

a support member carrying a steel rule die [arranged in a configuration to cut a  
blister from a sheet of substrate],

a lost motion connection connecting said support member to said base  
member permitting relative lateral movement of each die cutter unit  
10 relative to said base member.

2. (Amended) A compensating blister die cutter apparatus including [in  
combination]

a base member,

at least first and second blister die cutter units supported by said base member,

15 each said blister die cutter unit comprising

a bottom board, a backup plate positioned on said bottom board,

a top board positioned on said backup plate,

a rule slot in said top board,

a steel rule in said rule slot and having a cutting edge,

20 a cavity formed in the central portion of said bottom board, backup plate and top board  
as assembled,

threaded members connecting the bottom board, backup plate and top board together to move as a unit,

vertical holes extending through the connected bottom board, backup plate and the top board and having a diameter of a given dimension,

5 adjustment members extending through said vertical holes and being threaded into said base member,

said adjustment members having a smaller diameter than said given dimension thus permitting lateral movement of said connected bottom board, backup plate and top board relative to said base member.

10 3. (Amended) A compensating blister die cutter apparatus including [in combination]

a base member,

at least first and second blister die cutter units supported by said base member, each said blister die cutter unit comprising a top board,

15 a rule slot in said top board,

a steel rule in said rule slot and having a cutting edge,

a cavity formed in the central portion of said top board,

vertical holes extending through said top board and having a diameter of a given dimension,

20 adjustment members extending through said vertical holes and being connected to said base member,